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The records of the Passport Division disclosed that affidavits were executed in connection with GROPPER's 1943 application for passport by LOUIS LOZOWICK, Free-lance Artist, 19 West 106th Street, New York, New York, and F. E. ELLIS, Artist, Freedom of the Press, 15 East 13th Street, New York, New York.

According to the affidavits submitted, LOZOWICK stated that he had known GROPPER for eighteen years and ELLIS stated he had known GROPPER for twenty years.

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Miscellaneous Communist Party (CP)  
Activities

Information Regarding Subject  
from House Congressional Record

A speech made by the Honorable GEORGE A. DONDERO, Congressman from Michigan, as recorded in the House Congressional Record dated March 17, 1952, reflected that WILLIAM GROPPER was present at a meeting in Khar Kov, Russia in November, 1930, with a group of other artists and authors who resolved upon the world-wide mass organization of art and literature as weapons of the working class in their struggle for power.

Congressman DONDERO further stated that GROPPER was so abject and loyal to the Communist International that in 1932 he reported back to Moscow in the following words:

"In reply to your cable received requesting me to report on my activities and action in fighting the imperial war, allow me to state in short as follow: (1) Enclosed are just a few of the many cartoons on the subject which have been published in the 'Morning Freiheit', the Jewish party paper and one of the largest in circulation. I have also drawn cartoons for other publications such as the 'New Masses'. (2) I have held exhibitions of cartoons, drawings and paintings on the imperialistic war and the defense of the Soviet Union throughout the West Coast of the United States of America such as Berkeley, San Francisco and Los Angeles, California and in galleries in New York City. (3) At present, I am at work on a mural painting to be exhibited in the Museum of Modern Art which thousands of people visit weekly and I shall register my protest by exposing the war plot against the Soviet Union in this Painting. (4) I am also

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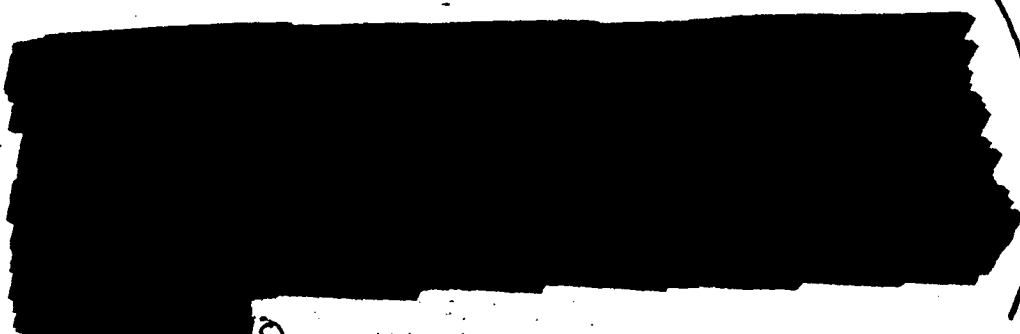
organizing, through the bureau of the John Reed Club, a counter exhibition to the exhibition of the Modern Museum to be held in the galleries of the John Reed Club by its members. The artist group of the John Reed Club has also been active in painting posters and streamers for demonstrations.

With revolutionary greetings,

WILLIAM GROPPER"

Congressman DONDERO further stated that WILLIAM GROPPER was one of the initiators of the American Artists Congress, a member of United American Artists and that he had also been an organizer and teacher in the John Reed Club.

Attendance at World Peace Congress,  
Congress of Intellectuals and  
other Foreign Travel

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The May 4, 1949, issue of the "The Daily Worker", page 4, column 1, carried an article in which it was stated that WILLIAM GROPPER had arrived in Moscow where he was visiting on the invitation of the Soviet Society for Cultural Relations with foreign Countries.

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The April 15, 1949, issue of the "Brooklyn Eagle" carried an article dated April 15 at Paris, in which it was stated that WILLIAM GROPPER was one of the Americans expected to attend the World Peace Conference to be held in Paris during April.

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American Labor Party (ALP)

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The October 19, 1952, issue of "The Worker" carried an article in which it was reflected that WILLIAM GROPPER was scheduled to participate in the activities of a dinner paying tribute to HOWARD FAST, ALP Candidate for Congress, in the 23rd Congressional District, Bronx, at the Hotel Astor, Sunday (date not given), at 6:30 PM.

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Attendance at Soviet Functions

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The November 10, 1945 issue of the "Morning Freiheit" carried an article regarding a Soviet Consulate Reception held on November 8, 1945, at the Soviet Consulate in New York City. According to this article the reception was held to commemorate the 28th anniversary of the Russian Revolution and among the guests listed as being in attendance was WILLIAM GROPPER.

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III. APPEARENCE BEFORE SENATE PERMANENT  
SUB-COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

WILLIAM GROPPER appeared before the Senate Permanent Sub-Committee on Investigations, under the Chairmanship of Senator JOSEPH R. MC CARTHY on May 6, 1953. He declined to testify before this sub-committee concerning his CP activities claiming the protection offered by the 5th Amendment of the Constitution against self-incrimination.

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Guard of Honor at Funeral  
of ROBERT MINOR

The December 2, 1952, issue of the  
"Daily Worker" carried an article regarding the  
funeral of ROBERT MINOR in which it was stated  
that WILLIAM GROPPER was named as a guard of  
honor at MINOR's funeral.

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reviewed on August 2, 1956, by SA [REDACTED]  
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were checked during September, 1953.

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V. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject  
was obtained from the records of the Passport  
Division of the Department of State; [REDACTED]

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Name  
Alias  
Race  
Sex  
Height  
Weight  
Build  
Birth Data

SAMUEL GROPPER - Summary  
WILLIAM GROPPER  
White  
Male  
5' 6"  
170 pounds  
Stocky  
Born on December 3, 1897  
at Manhattan, New York

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*New York*

Social Security # 019-01-714

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Hair	Black and Grey
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Dark
Marital Status	Married
Wife	SOPHIE
Children	GENE and LEE
Residence	Mount Airy Road, Croton-on-Hudson, New York
Employment	Self-employed Artist at residence
Social Security Number	082-01-7740

A photograph of the subject is  
available.

VI. APPENDIX

Documentation of Individuals  
Organizations and Publications

Those organizations designated by the  
Attorney General of the United States pursuant  
to Executive Order 10450, are designated by an  
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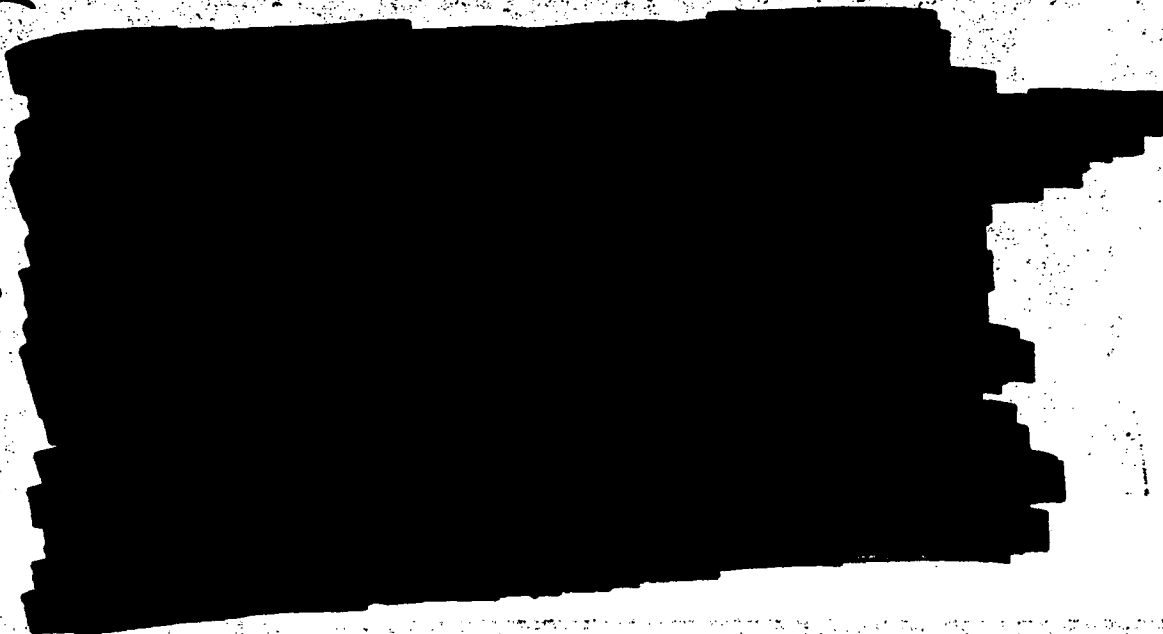
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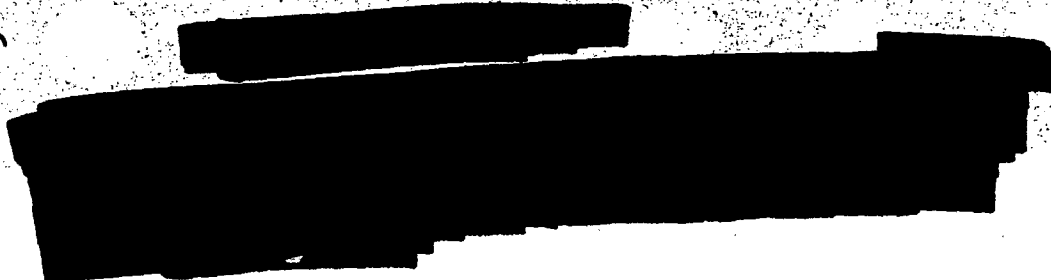
American Artists Congress

The American Artists Congress was cited as being "Typical of \*\*\* Communist created and controlled organizations" by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948 p. 35.

American Committee for  
Yugoslav Relief Inc. (\*)

American League Against  
War and Fascism \*

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Committee for a Democratic  
Far Eastern Policy \*

Congress of Intellectuals

Congress. See documentation of World Peace

Civil Rights Congress \*

"Daily Worker"

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast  
Communist daily newspaper.

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The December 22, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 1, column 2, carried an article captioned "Howard Fast Awarded Stalin Peace Prize". In this article FAST was described as one of the publishers of the "Daily Worker".

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Freedom of the Press Inc.

It was announced in the October 7, 1951, issue of "The Worker", Section 1, page 3, that publishers New Press Inc., 35 East 12th Street, New York City, was assuming from Freedom of the Press Inc., publication of the newspaper "Daily Worker" and its Sunday edition "The Worker".

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International Workers Order  
(IWO) \*

Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS),  
New York City \*

John Reed Clubs of the  
United States

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 175, states that these clubs were "named after the founder of the American Communist Party".

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The Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, pp. 462 and 466, states that the above were among organizations created or controlled by the CP, or part of a united front with the Party, which supported the First United States Congress Against War. The congress was openly led by the Communist.

Joint Anti-Fascist  
Refugee Committee \*

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"Fraternal Outlook", a publication of the IWO in its issue of August-September, 1944, page 9, stated that MAHN was elected President of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the IWO on June 7, 1944.

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The JPFO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The April 24, 1939, issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an article in which LOUIS LOZOWICK and BILL GROPPER, among others, were set forth as being members of IWO Lodge Number 500.

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"Morning Freiheit"

The "Morning Freiheit" is an East Coast Communist Yiddish language newspaper.

May Day Parade

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 179, has cited the May Day Parade in New York City as "an annual mobilization of Communist strength."

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On page 1, Column 1, of the November 28, 1952, issue of the "Daily Worker" there appeared an article captioned "Robert Minor Dies at 68; Beloved Communist Leader." This article stated that MINOR, a leader of the Communist movement in the United States since its founding, died Wednesday, November 26, 1952, after a heart attack.

National Council of  
American-Soviet Friendship \*

National Council of the Arts  
Sciences and Professions

The above has been cited as a Communist Front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p. 2.

"New Masses"

The above has been cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, pp. 48 and 75; also cited in reports, January 3, 1939, page 80; and June 25, 1942, pp. 4 and 21, as a "nationally circulated weekly journal of the CP \*\*\* whose ownership was vested in the American Fund for Public Service" (Garland Fund).

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"Soviet Russia Today"

The above has been cited as a Communist Front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 167; also cited in report, June 25, 1942, page 21.

Tass News Agency

Tass is the official news agency for the Soviet Government.

The office of this organization is located at 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

"The Worker"

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

USSR Information Bulletin

The above was a publication of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., and was distributed twice monthly. On July 15, 1952, the United States Department of State directed the United Soviet Socialist Republic to suspend Soviet Embassy publications in the United States.

World Peace Conference

See the documentation on the World Peace Congress.

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The World Peace Congress has been cited as a Communist front among the "'peace' conferences" which "have been organized under Communist initiative in various countries throughout the world as part of a campaign against the North Atlantic Defense Pact," by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p. 10; and Interim Statement on the Communist Peace Petition Campaign, July 13, 1950; and House Report No. 378, on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, p. 16.

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The pretext telephone call referred to under the employment section of this report, was made on May 31, 1951, by [REDACTED] b7c  
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The informants of the New York Office referred to in this report, who could furnish no pertinent information regarding the subject are:

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The subject is on the Security Index of the New York Office and his security index card is current and correct.

In view of the subject's long history in CP affairs dating back to the late 1920's, his activities in CP front groups and his invocation of the 5th Amendment while testifying before the Mc Carthy Committee in 1953 it is felt that the subject remains within the criteria for retention on the SI.

It is therefore being recommended that he be retained on the Security Index of the New York Office.

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At Croton-on-Hudson, New York

Will obtain a physical description of the subject through personal observation of an Agent.

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Report of [REDACTED] 10/16/53,  
at New York.

Bureau letter to New York, 10/17/55.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-66809)

DATE: 10/12/56

SUBJECT:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-1030)

SAMUEL GROPPER, wa  
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Rerep of [REDACTED]

8/29/56, at

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A physical description of the subject was obtained from observation by an Agent on 9/14/56. This description was very similar to that set forth in rerep.

All investigation has been completed by the NYO in this case and it is being placed in a closed status.

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1155 EAST 60TH STREET • CHICAGO 37, ILLINOIS

November 19, 1956

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed are a copy of an advertisement published in the American Bar Association Journal in the issues of January and February, 1956, a reproduction of a page from the Westchester Spotlight dated November, 1955, and a copy of a letter from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the Westchester County branch of The American Legion. This complaint reached us just as we were running the last of a series of advertisements for this concern.

Recently we have received a new order for three insertions of this advertisement from Blythe-Pennington, Ltd., an advertising agency at 19 West 44th Street, New York 36, New York.

The Board of Editors does not want to reject this advertisement without some investigation as to the soundness of this complaint, and consequently we are turning to you for your advice, which will be held in the strictest confidence.

Sincerely,

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November 26, 1956

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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American Bar Association Journal  
1155 East 60th Street  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear [REDACTED] b7c

Your letter of November 19, 1956, with enclosures, has been received.

Although I sincerely appreciate your inquiry and the reason behind it, I am unable to advise you to accept or reject advertisements of the type you enclosed because to do so would place me in a position of censoring the press, censoring what you should or should not publish and censoring art as to whether or not works of William Gropper should be published. I am sure you will agree that my official position makes it completely unacceptable that I undertake to act in any of these capacities.

For your completely confidential information, I believe you will find ample basis for a decision through perusing the following sources of information on William Gropper and his career:

Book entitled "Gropper,"  
New Masses Edition, 1938,  
ACA Gallery Publications  
52 West Eighth Street  
New York, New York;

"Current Biography," 1940,  
Pages 351-352  
The H. W. Wilson Company  
950 University Avenue  
New York, New York;

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Miss Louise Child

November 26, 1956

"Time" magazine,  
February 19, 1940,  
Page 41.

Further in appraising the nature of Gropper's work for determination of its suitability for the publication of the American Bar Association, you will be interested in reviewing reproductions of many of his works as published in the book mentioned above entitled "Gropper."

I am confident that the above sources will give you ample basis for an intelligent review and decision in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Roster

NOTE: William Gropper is well known to the Bureau for his communist sympathies and activities. (100-66809)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-57453)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-65568)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7C  
(Mocase)

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GROPFER was cartoonist for "Morning Freiheit",  
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GROPPER's name has appeared as associated with numerous CP fronts and individuals recognized as CP members or sympathizers. The most recent as a sponsor for Spanish Refugee Appeal of the JAFRC, 4/1/53.

The "DW", 10/11/30, listed WILLIAM GROPPER as among members of delegation from John Reed Club to attend Second World Congress of the International Bureau of Revolutionary Literature, to be held at Kharkov, USSR.

GROPPER reportedly attended the 1948 Congress of Intellectuals at Wroclaw, Poland. "The Brooklyn Eagle", 4/15/49, stated GROPPER was expected to attend the World Peace Conference in Paris, April, 1949.

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GROPPER departed the US for Poland April, 1949,  
and returned 12/2/50.

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Bureau authority requested to interview  
SAMUEL GROPPER, wa; William Gropper, regarding his  
association with [REDACTED] GROPPER resides Mt. b7C  
Airy Road, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, and is an artist, self-employed  
at his residence. He is a white male, native born 12/3/97.

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Your air-tel 4/5/57 requested authority to interview Samuel Gropper. Authority is granted for this interview, which should be handled by two experienced Agents in accordance with existing instructions covering interviews of security subjects.

An extra copy of this letter is furnished for your file on Gropper.

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NOTE: Gropper is an artist and is self-employed.

[redacted] Gropper is on the Security Index of the NYO. He appeared before a Senate committee on 5/6/53 and took the 5th Amendment regarding CP affiliations. He has been cartoonist for the "Morning Freiheit" and the "Daily Worker."

Gropper's file reflects nothing to preclude an interview with him.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>8/15/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/29;8/7/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>SAMUEL GROPPER, wa: William Gropper</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <b>b7C</b>	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

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[REDACTED] "Daily Worker" of 6/13/57 mentions that lithographs of WILLIAM GROPPER were exhibited in Mexico City from April 11 to May 15. Subject interviewed 5/29/57 and he stated he has never been a CP member and was never associated with or on the staff of the "Daily Worker." He mentioned he was employed by the "Morning Freiheit."

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MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY

The June 13, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker," page 6, columns 3 and 4, in an article captioned "Bill Gropper Art Exhibit Lauded in Mexico City" reflected that one hundred lithographs were exhibited by WILLIAM GROPPER in Mexico City from April 11 to May 15. This article mentioned, in part, that if the United States Embassy had given its support, GROPPER'S works would have been admired by a much larger public. The article continued, by stating, "But Gropper's merciless caricatures of vulture-like United States Senators, tender interpretations of the humble, and obvious social significance in every work is obviously 'red propaganda' that can hardly expect an official pat on the back from the Department headed by John Foster Dulles."

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

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INTERVIEW OF THE SUBJECT

Subject was interviewed on May 29, 1957 by SAS  
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GROPPER stated he had never been a member of the Communist Party.

GROPPER mentioned being employed by the "Morning Freiheit," stating that he did not know if the "Morning Freiheit" was a Communist paper.

GROPPER stated that he was never associated with or on the staff of the "Daily Worker" and that he wants nothing to do with the newspaper. He advised that the "Daily Worker" unethically reproduces his cartoons by use of the "Morning Freiheit" plates. He explained that there is nothing he can do legally to prevent this.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained by observation of Special Agent GEORGE R. MASSET:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	59
Height	5' 6"
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue

APPENDIX

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"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit:"

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'  
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7685.)
- "2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-66809)

DATE: 8/15/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1030)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL GROPPER, wa:  
William Gropper  
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Reference is made to report of [REDACTED] dated New York, 8/15/57, four copies of which are attached. Also attached are four copies of a blank memorandum relating to the reliability of an informant whose identity is concealed by use of a T symbol.

INFORMANT

	Date of Activity	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Where Located
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Careful consideration has been given to the concealed source and a T symbol has been used only because the identity of the source must be concealed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Subject is on the SI of the New York Office and a review of his card reflects it is current and correct.'

This case has been re-evaluated in light of the criteria necessary for including the subject on the SI and it still meets these criteria.

A photograph of the subject is available.

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Authority to interview the subject is not being requested at this time in view of the interview with subject on May 29, 1957.

GROPPER was interviewed on 5/29/57 for information concerning [REDACTED] He furnished nothing significant concerning them. b7c

REFERENCE

Report of [REDACTED] 8/29/56, at New York. b7c



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United States Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

August 15, 1957

Re: Samuel Gropper

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[REDACTED] mentioned in the report of Special Agent  
dated New York, August 15, 1957, has  
furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, New York (100-1030)

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**SAMUEL GROPPER**  
**SECURITY MATTER - C**

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A review of Bureau file fails to reflect that any contact has been had with informants of your office concerning subject's activities since the submission of the report dated 8-29-56. A person of the prominence which this subject has enjoyed should be known to numerous informants of your office.

You should reopen this case at this time and contact all logical informants or other sources of your office to determine subject's current activities and sympathies.

With the report setting out the results of this investigation, you should submit summarizing the evidence which depicts subject to be potentially dangerous and setting forth your recommendation concerning his retention in the Security Index.

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Subject is an artist. He was employed as a cartoonist by the "Morning Freiheit," "Daily Worker," and "New Masses" prior to 1946.

He resorted to the 5th Amendment in 5-58 when questioned concerning his CP affiliations by a congressional committee.

He denied during interview 5-57 that he had ever been a CP member. He has traveled abroad attending the Congress of Intellectuals, Poland, 1948; the World Peace Conference 1949, Paris; and visiting Russia in 1950.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>SAMUEL GROPPER, wa., William Gropper</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED] b7C</b>	Typed By: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-66809)

DATE: 3/27/58

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-1030)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL GROPPER, wa:  
William Gropper  
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Attached are four copies of the report of SA. [redacted] dated and captioned as above. Also attached are four copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to the reliability of informants.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York, 1/6/58.  
Report of [redacted] 8/15/57, at NY.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_

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8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) His bitterness toward the FBI, as stated by him in Philadelphia, 1/3/58, would preclude him from giving any information of value.

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10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason), as a person of prominence, of his continued activities over the years of attempting to further the cause of the CP either through speeches attacking Congressional Committees and the FBI, as was done in Philadelphia 1/3/58, or by having art exhibits, as in Mexico City, in April and May, 1957, of social significance portraying, as quoted from the Daily Worker of 6/13/57, "merciless caricatures of vulture-like United States Senators." Interviewed on 5/29/57,

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GROPPER mentioned being employed by the "Morning Freiheit", stating that he did not know if the "Morning Freiheit" was a Communist Paper. Subject appeared before Senate Permanent Sub-Committee on Investigations on 5/6/53 and declined to testify claiming protection of Fifth Amendment.

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United States Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York  
March 27, 1958

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Re: Samuel Gropper, with alias:  
William Gropper  
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[REDACTED] was in a position to furnish reliable  
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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	<b>b7C b7C</b>

REFERENCE:

Report of **[REDACTED]** dated 3/27/58

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In an interview on 5/29/57, GROPPER mentioned being employed by the "Morning Freiheit", stating that he did not know if the "Morning Freiheit" was a Communist paper. As set forth in the report of [REDACTED] dated 8/29/56, at NY, subject appeared before Senate Permanent Sub-Committee on Investigations on 5/6/53, and declined to testify claiming protection of Fifth Amendment. [REDACTED]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York  
March 24, 1959

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Re: Samuel Gropper  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. It should be noted that all informants mentioned in that report have furnished reliable information in the past. [redacted] has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past. b2 b7D

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 4-9-59

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland  
SUBJECT: SAMUEL GROPPER  
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Purpose:

To consider whether subject's name should be retained in Security Index (SI) as recommended by New York Office.

Background:

Subject is white male, born 12-3-97, New York City. Resides Croton-on-Hudson, New York, and is self-employed as artist.

Summary of Subversive Activities:

Gropper was Communist Party (CP) member since prior to 1930 and enrolled to vote under CP emblem in 1937 elections. He visited U.S.S.R. in 1930 and again in 1948 and 1949. Upon return to U.S. after 1930 visit, he helped form Workers Cultural Organization on instructions from Soviet Union. He served on presidium that organization. Has been active in Party over the years and has drawn cartoons for "Daily Worker," "New Masses," and "Morning Freiheit" and has been employed in past as staff artist for "Morning Freiheit" (1924-50), "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" (1942-45). Was contributing editor and assistant editor of "New Masses."

From 1940 to 1951 he was member and supporter at least 12 CP fronts and in 1952 was member honor guard at funeral Robert Minor, former secretary CP legislative committee. Invoked 5th Amendment before McCarthy Committee, May, 1953, and during FBI interview, May, 1957, denied CP membership. During speech on 1-3-58 in Philadelphia before Teachers Union Forum he bitterly described FBI investigation of him.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
Re: Samuel Gropper  
100-66809


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OBSERVATIONS:

New York Division recommends retention in SI because of current attitude and invocation of 5th Amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Gropper's name be retained in SI based on very long and active history in CP, past activities in communist fronts and obviously unchanged attitude as expressed in Philadelphia, 1-3-58.



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-66809)  
ATT: SECURITY INFORMANT DESK

DATE: OCT 1 1959

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1030)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL GROPPER  
SM - C

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ReBulet, dated 9/8/59, captioned, [REDACTED] regarding corrective action as to the characterization of the informant. (C) b7c

On the evaluation letter which is attached to the NY report of [REDACTED] dated 3/24/59, captioned as above, the second sentence of paragraph 1, was revised in ink as follows:

It should be noted that all informants mentioned in that report have furnished reliable information in the past. [REDACTED] has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past. b2 b7D

The Bureau may desire to make this similar revision in its copies of the evaluation letter.

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1-New York

1-New York (100-1030) b7c

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1 Liaison Section  
1 [REDACTED]

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100-66809

Date: October 7, 1959  
To: Office of Security  
Department of State  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Subject: SAMUEL GROPPER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

b7c Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 24, 1959, at New York, New York, and evaluation memorandum of same date, both captioned as above.

b7c The first paragraph of referenced memorandum states that the informants utilized in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] furnished reliable information in the past. This is to advise [REDACTED] has been recharacterized as an individual who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past.

You may desire to make appropriate notations in your copies of the memorandum furnished with referenced report.

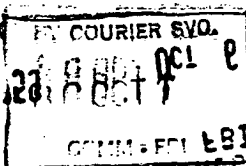
1 - Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

1 - [REDACTED] b1  
1 - AAG Yeagley, Administrative Officer, Room 2730  
1 - RAB, ISD (By Form 0-6 (D) same date)

SEE NOTE ON YELLOW, PAGE TWO.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

b1 (c) Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont 9/3/59 captioned [redacted] recommended and was approved that in those instances where [redacted] was characterized in communications as "reliable" or similar phraseology, he should be recharacterized as "who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past." Referenced report was disseminated by Bureau to [redacted] (c)  
b2 [redacted] Outside agencies have been notified, field files have been corrected, and Bufiles will be corrected by Consolidation Unit, Records Branch. Administrative action handled separately.

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Routing Slip  
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To

☒ Director - FBI

Att.

☐ SAC

☐ ASAC

☐ Supv.

☐ Agent

☐ SE

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☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

Date 4/11/60

Bureau 100-66809

FILE # NY 100-1030

Title SAMUEL GROPPER  
SM-C

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DATE 8/21/87 BY SP-1 AG/RO

CA 272270

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign ..... Reassign .....

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Open Case

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Return serials

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Send Serials .....

to

☐ Submit new charge-on

☐ Submit report by

☐ Type

Re 0-17 dated 3/29/60.

Attached are 4 copies of page 2 for report

NY, dated 3/17/60.

SAC H. G. FOSTER

Office NEW YORK

☒ See reverse side

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>SAMUEL GROPPER aka William Gropper</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Typed By: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

*Posted - SI*  
*3/22/60*

## REFERENCE

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INFORMANTS (Cont'd)

Informants who are familiar with various phases of CP activity in the NYC and Westchester County areas, and who were contacted during January, February, and March, 1960, but had no knowledge of any CP activity on the part of the subject, are as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Agent Contacting</u>
b1 b2 b7C b7D	2/12/60	b7C
	2/12/60	
	2/15/60	
	2/9/60	
	2/3/60	
	2/2/60	
	2/3/60	
	1/29/60	
	2/11/60	
	3/2/60	

ADMINISTRATIVE

By communication dated MARCH 1, 1960, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) WAS UNABLE to identify ANY record for subject in the Identification Division Files.

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